

Appl. No. 09/745,404

Response to March 24, 2004 Office action

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks the Office for the indication that claims 7-28 and 32-40 are allowed, and for noting that claims 4 and 5 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. To this end, Applicant has amended the claims as described below to place the pending claims into condition for allowance. More particularly, claims 1-28 and 32-40 were originally pending, claims 2-6 were amended, claim 1 was cancelled, and no claims were added. Accordingly, claims 2-28, and 32-40 remain pending. With respect to the claim amendments, claims 4 and 5 were amended as suggested by the Examiner to include the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 2, 3 and 6 were amended to depend from allowable base claim 4.

Conclusion

The pending claims are in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested. Should any issue remain that prevents allowance of the application, the Office is encouraged to contact the undersigned prior or issuance of a subsequent Office Action.

Respectfully Submitted,

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